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Re: New U.S. Patent Application
DATA DISTRIBUTING SYSTEM AND DATA RECORDING METHOD
By: Sadafusa TSUJI, Takashi KONDO, Hideo HOTOMI,
Isao HAYAMI, and Katsuyuki NANBA
Attorney Docket No. 15162/01700

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers relating to a DATA DISTRIBUTING SYSTEM AND DATA RECORDING METHOD, Sadafusa TSUJI, Takashi KONDO, Hideo HOTOMI, Isao HAYAMI, and Katsuyuki NANBA, inventors:

- (1) Specification;
- (2) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- (3) Formal Drawings (15 sheets);
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- (5) Transmittal of PrintEFS Patent Application
Bibliographic Data;
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with Recordation Form Cover Sheet;
- (7) Check in the amount of \$846.00 to cover the filing
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TRANSMITTAL OF PrintEFS PATENT APPLICATION

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA

Submitted herewith is bibliographic data (3 pages) for
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1.0.1 program format.

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